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NEW PLANT IMMIGRANTS.

**ANONA CHERIMOLA.** (Anonaceae.) 29350. Seeds of large cherimoya from Culiacan, Sinaloa, Mexico. Presented by Mr. W. L. McDaniel, Alvin, Texas. "These seeds came from fruits as big as a coconut. The plants grow in Mexico up to an altitude of five thousand feet and the fruit stands a week or more on the road. The party who furnished me with the above information also states that efforts to get the fruit at Culiacan for shipment to the United States have failed because the local market eats them up like hot cakes and it will be years before there will be any to spare for export. A big fine fruit costs 25 to 35 cents Mexican in Culiacan." (McDaniel.) For distribution later.

**CARICA PAPAYA.** (Papayaceae.) 29331. Seeds from Para, Brazil. Presented by Mr. Walter Fischer, Acting Director, Campo de Cultura Experimental Paraense. "Seeds of what is probably our best variety of 'mamao'. The specimen I had must have been 17 or 18 inches long and weighed 9 pounds. I have seen slightly larger ones from the same plant. The fruit was of excellent flavor and contained but few seeds. In a year or even ten months it is possible to obtain ripe fruits from the papaya in this climate. Here in Belem a papaya like the one described sells for at least a dollar." (Fischer.) For distribution later.

**COLOCASIA SPP.** (Araceae.) 29326-327. Tubers of two varieties of dasheen from Canton, China. Presented by Mr. G. Weidman Groff, Canton Christian College. No. 29326. "Kau tsau fu." No. 29327. "Pat long fu." For distribution later.

**CUCUMIS MELO.** (Cucurbitaceae.) 29332. Seeds of a muskmelon from Santarem, Brazil. Presented by Mr. Walter Fischer, Acting Director, Campo de Cultura Experimental Paraense. "Seeds of a muskmelon, the only kind seen in the markets of Belem, but even this is not grown near here but in Santarem, about 500 miles up the river. The fruit of this variety is long, smooth, and distinctly ribbed. The flesh is orange colored and of very good flavor. This particular specimen weighed 14 pounds, which is the average weight. It is probably needless to advise to plant in the tropical or subtropical regions and to grow it in the dry season. Here in Belem these melons sell for from one to two dollars." (Fischer.) For distribution later.